

### ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A rail is disclosed for use in forming a barrier system, such as a fence, or a railing for a deck, porch or walkway. The rail has a versatile configuration in that either a top or  
5 bottom side of the rail may be received in a rail cover. The rail may have side walls and a cross wall on the top or bottom side of the rail. A channel may be formed on the side of the rail opposite the cross wall. Upright members, such as pickets, planks, balusters, or walls may be received in either  
10 the top side or the bottom side of the rail, in the channel or through the cross wall. A cap having openings for receiving the upright member may be placed on the channel. The rail may be positioned on the top or bottom of the barrier system and the rail may be symmetrical to provide an aesthetically  
15 pleasing appearance.

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